



Battle Creek



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**What is Banked Breast Milk?**

Bronson’s Mothers’ Milk Bank provides pasteurized (heat-treated) breast milk. The milk is donated by healthy women who are nursing their own babies and have extra milk to donate to the milk bank. The donors are carefully screened. They don’t receive compensation. The milk from several donors is pooled and heat-treated. The heat treatment kills all known viruses and bacteria. Before the milk is dispensed it is tested to make sure it does not contain bacteria.

**Why this is important**

Breast milk is the preferred nutrition for all infants, especially premature or sick infants. There are times when a mother cannot provide breast milk for her baby. That is almost always the case during the first few days after birth because it usually takes a minimum of two days for the mother’s milk to come in, and often it takes much longer. During that time, the baby receives the colostrum the mother provides. By providing addition (banked) breast milk, we stimulate the baby’s stomach and provide valuable nutrition. Also, mothers who have been pumping successfully sometimes experience a decline in their milk supply. We then supplement her milk supply with milk from a milk bank. Some mothers have elected not to pump. For the baby to receive the benefits of mother’s milk, we can feed milk from the milk bank.

**Your Approval**

We would like to feed your baby donated, heat-treated breast milk from the milk bank. The alternative to banked breast milk is formula. By signing below you acknowledge that you have been informed about banked breast milk and all your questions have been answered.

I am in agreement that my baby \_\_\_\_\_  
Print your baby’s first name last name

should be fed banked breast milk provided by Bronson’s Mother’s Milk Bank.

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Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

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Date

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Time

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Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Relationship to baby

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Witness Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Time

**PARENT AGREEMENT TO FEED BANKED BREAST MILK**